

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## ESHB 1216

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Ways & Means, April 26, 2009

**Title:** An act relating to the capital budget.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the capital budget.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee, Warnick and Ormsby; by request of Governor Gregoire).

**Brief History:** Passed House: 4/26/09, 61-35.

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 4/26/09 [DPA, DNP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Tom, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Brandland, Fairley, Hobbs, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Murray, Oemig, Pridemore, Regala and Rockefeller.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Hewitt, Honeyford, Parlette, Pflug and Schoesler.

**Staff:** Brian Sims (786-7431)

**Background:** The programs and agencies of state government are funded on a two-year basis, with each fiscal biennium beginning on July 1 of odd-numbered years. The Capital Budget generally includes appropriations for the acquisition, construction, and repair of capital assets such as land, buildings, and other infrastructure improvements. Funding for the Capital Budget is primarily from state general obligation bonds, with other funding derived from various dedicated taxes, fees, and state trust land revenues.

**Summary of Bill (Recommended Amendments):** The Omnibus 2009-11 Capital Budget authorizes new capital projects for state agencies and institutions of higher education for the 2009-11 fiscal biennium. For additional information, see the Capital Budget Summary published by the Senate Ways & Means Committee. Detailed information can be found at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM>.

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**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (Recommended Amendments):** The committee amendment makes technical corrections and adjustments to amounts and restricts the one-half percent for the arts program to Washington artists.

**Appropriation:** Yes.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Companion SB 5222:** See committee files.

**Persons Testifying:** See committee files.